

## § 578.75

(4) Infantry divisions containing organic airborne elements;

(5) Commandants of the Infantry School and the Quartermaster School;

(6) Commanders of separate airborne regiments, separate airborne battalions, Special Forces Group (Airborne), and the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School;

(7) The President, U.S. Army Airborne, Communications and Electronics Board;

(8) Commander, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne);

(9) Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Support Command (Airborne).

(g) *Subsequent awards.* A bronze service star is authorized to be worn on the Parachutist Badges to denote a soldier's participation in a combat parachute jump. Orders are required to confirm award of these badges. A soldier's combat parachute jump credit is tied directly to the combat assault credit decision for the unit to which the soldier is attached or assigned at the time of the assault. Should a unit be denied air assault credit, no air assault credit for purpose of this badge will accrue to the individual soldiers of that unit. Each soldier must physically exit the aircraft to receive combat parachute jump credit and the Parachutist badge with bronze service star.

(h) *Description.* An oxidized silver badge  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in height and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in width, consisting of an open parachute on and over a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving inward. A star and wreath are added above the parachute canopy to indicate the degree of qualification. A star above the canopy indicates a Senior Parachutist; the star surrounded by a laurel wreath indicates a Master Parachutist. Small stars are superimposed on the appropriate badge to indicate combat jumps as follows:

(1) One jump: A bronze star centered on the shroud lines  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch below the canopy;

(2) Two jumps: A bronze star on the base of each wing;

(3) Three jumps: A bronze star on the base of each wing and one star centered on the shroud lines  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch below the canopy;

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(4) Four jumps: Two bronze stars on the base of each wing;

(5) Five jumps: A gold star centered on the shroud lines  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch below the canopy.

### § 578.75 Parachutist Badge—Basic.

*General.* To be eligible for award of the basic Parachutist Badge, an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School, or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump as follows:

(a) A member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander;

(b) While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force;

(c) While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

### § 578.76 Senior Parachutist Badge.

To be eligible for the Senior Parachutist Badge, an individual must have been rated excellent in character and efficiency and have met the following requirements:

(a) Participated in a minimum of 30 jumps to include the following:

(1) Fifteen jumps with combat equipment to consist of normal TOE equipment including individual weapon carried in combat whether the jump was in actual or simulated combat. In cases of simulated combat the equipment will include water, rations (actual or dummy), ammunition (actual or dummy), and other essential items necessary to sustain an individual in combat.

(2) Two night jumps made during the hours of darkness (regardless of time of day with respect to sunset) one of which will be as jumpmaster of a stick.

(3) Two mass tactical jumps which culminate in an airborne assault problem with either a unit equivalent to a battalion or larger; a separate company battery; or an organic staff of regimental size or larger. The soldier